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SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKY CASE

1. REPORTS THAT SHCHARANSKY IS BEING CHARGED WITH TREASON
ARE FRONT-PAGE NEWS IN US JUNE 2, AND THE SUBJECT OF WIDE-
SPREAD PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION, IF POSSIBLE, OF WHAT
EXACTLY LETTER WHICH SHCHARANSKY'S FAMILY RECEIVED FROM
SOVIET AUTHORITIES SAYS CONCERNING TREASON CHARGES. DOES
LETTER INDICATE HE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH TREASON, WILL BE
CHARGED WITH TREASON, OR IS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR POSSIBLE
CHARGES OF TREASON?

3. AMERICAN PRESS STORIES VARY ON THIS POINT. SHIPLER NYT
ARTICLE LEADS WITH, "A LEADING JEWISH DISSIDENT AND HUMAN-
RIGHTS ACTIVIST HAS BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED WITH TREASON IN A
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MOVE BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES THAT HAS FEW PRECEDENTS SINCE THE
DAYS OF STALIN." TOWARDS END, ARTICLE REPORTS THAT, "THE
LETTER FROM THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO MRS. SHCHARANSKY,
WHICH WAS A RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES ABOUT HER SON, SAID THAT
HE WAS BEING CHARGED UNDER ARTICLE 64 TO THE CRIMINAL CODE,
WHICH NAMES AMONG VARIETIES OF TREASON 'RENDERING AID TO A
FOREIGN STATE IN CARRYING OUT HOSTILE ACTIVITY.' "

4. OSNOS WP ARTICLE LEAD IS "SOVIET AUTHORITIES DISCLOSED TODAY THAT TREASON CHARGES ARE BEING PREPARED AGAINST ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKY, A DISSIDENT WHO WAS ARRESTED IN MARCH AFTER A SOVIET NEWSPAPER ACCUSED HIM OF WORKING FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY." ARTICLE SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTS THAT, "SHCHARANSKY'S PARENTS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THIS MORNING THAT THEIR SON, 29, IS BEING HELD FOR INVES-

TIGATION UNDER THE TREASON STATUTE, WHICH CARRIES A POSSIBLE DEATH PENALTY..."

5. PLEASE ADVISE. VANCE

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